

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Insert the following paragraph after the title:

--Reference to Related Application

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The present application is a Rule 53(b) divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/855,499, ^{filed May 13, 1997} now U.S. Patent No. ^{6,271,278} --

Page 12: Delete the first paragraph, which discusses Fig. 3, and delete the last paragraph extending onto page 13, which discusses Figs. 6A and 6B. These photographs are cancelled.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Cancel Figs. 3, 6A and 6B.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 1-55 appearing in the parent application filed herewith and enter new claims 1 to 18 as follows:

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--1. A hydrogel foam formed from at least one ethylenically-unsaturated monomer and a multi-olefinic crosslinking agent in the presence of a blowing agent under foaming conditions effective to produce a porous polymer network therein, which network has an average pore size of 10 μ m to 3000 μ m.